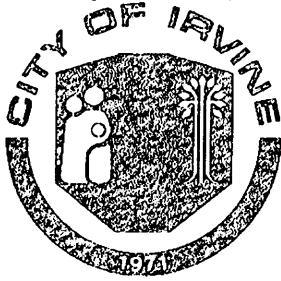


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Community Development Department

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December 20, 2001

Mrs. Terry Jordan, Deputy Director
Administration and Finance Division
California Integrated Waste Management Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Jordan,

The City of Irvine has been working with Mr. Alan White, the City of Irvine's Grant Administrator to amend the City of Irvine's Used Oil Recycling Grant Resolution. While the City worked with Mr. White to develop appropriate wording of a final city Council resolution, City staff was unable to get the resolution issue completed in time to have the item placed on the Irvine City Council meeting agenda to meet the December 1st submittal deadline to the CIWMB. Mr. White was informed of this scheduling issue and did not indicate to us that presenting the resolution for City Council at the next scheduled Council meeting in January would cause a problem or result in our disqualification from the program. Please be advised that the amended resolution to the Used Oil Recycling Grant Program to include the Household Hazardous Waste Grant reference is now scheduled for Irvine City Council consideration on January 8, 2002.

Through these grant funds, the City of Irvine has provided a valuable program to the Irvine community and has been very effective locally in spreading the CIWMB's message encouraging the proper handling and recycling of Used Oil. We request the opportunity to continue our successful Used Oil Recycling Program. City of Irvine staff also appreciates the opportunity to expand the recycling program to include aspects of household hazardous waste recycling.

Thank you for your patience and consideration in this matter. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (949) 724-6357.

Sincerely,

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Program Specialist

cc: Michael Byrne, Management Analyst
Alan White, CIWMB



December 13, 2001

Ms. Terry Jordan
Deputy Director
Administration and Finance Division
California Integrated Waste Management Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Jordan:

I am in receipt of a letter dated November 21, 2001 from H. James Lee regarding the City of El Cerrito's Block Grant 7 for Fiscal Year 2001/2002. As I explained to your staff, the grant application was simply misplaced. Unfortunately, both of our recycling professional staff left City service about the same time and their positions have yet to be refilled. Our focus in the interim has been on providing uninterrupted service to our curbside and drop-off recycling customers and many of the administrative activities of the program have been set aside until new staff is in place. Unfortunately, the grant application fell through the cracks. As you may be aware, our City is one of a small number that directly provides curbside and drop off services to our businesses and residents, so, you can imagine why that has been our focus.

I have enclosed the application for your consideration but do not yet have the staff to send to Sacramento to essentially reiterate what I have said in this letter. It is our hope that the Board will approve the application. If you still require someone to attend, we will do our best to accommodate the Board.

Sincerely,

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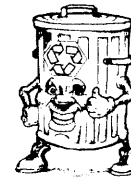
Scott Hanin
City Manager

CC: Linda Moulton-Patterson

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December 19, 2001

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RE: Used Oil Block Grant 7 (FY 2001/2002) Withheld: Missed Deadline for
Submission of Complete Grant Application Package

Dear Ms. Jordan,

Recently, Tehama County submitted material for the Used Oil Block Grant 7th Cycle. Unfortunately, some of the material was not sent prior to the Dec 1, 2001 deadline. Since the grant award has been withheld, **I am respectfully requesting the opportunity to present the County's case before the Board in January 2002**, in hopes that an exception can be made.

Tehama County's Solid Waste program has undergone significant upheaval in 2001. The former Director retired suddenly in January 2001, and two of the four other employees (Administrative Secretary and the Solid Waste Technician) went on extended Leave of Absence, which continues to this day. The program operated with a succession of Interim Directors on a contract basis, and two Account Clerks to run the scales at the landfill. Although there were some efforts at implementing programs, the majority of the effort was spent in attending to the gate.

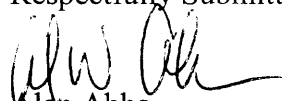
In August 2001, the Interim Director submitted letters to the Cities of Red Bluff, Corning and Tehama, as well as Tehama County, authorizing participation in the Used Oil Block Grant. Unfortunately, the letters were titled "Household Hazardous Waste." The signed letters were sent to Carla Repucci in late August. In September, I assumed the Director position. In a trip to the Waste Board later that month, I met with Carla and learned that there were problems with the letters. At that time I did not realize that the imminent deadline. I attempted to get the letters administratively changed and signed since they were already agendized and discussed at previous Board meetings. I found out that I could not do this. I re-agendized the letters, but was not able to get them all signed prior to the December 1, 2001 deadline due to the Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day Holidays. For this, I am extremely remorseful.

Tehama County has been making great strides in getting back on track. Our CEQA was recently completed for past land acquisition and the planned MRF and Compost Facility. Our current diversion of 46% should go above the mandated 50% when these items are complete. We have also recently approved the design and started the bid process for a Methane Gas Extraction System, which will remove our outstanding LEA Violation in Fall of 2002. With help from Carla Repucci, we are back on track for completion of a permanent HHW facility in early 2002. Also in early 2002, we will be renewing permits for the landfill and associated areas, working to get approval for our Joint Technical Document and Closure/Post Closure Plan, and beginning the early planning for closure of our Phase 1 portion of the Landfill, which begin in Late 2003. Our Local Task Force has started reviewing the SRRE and CIWMP as part of the 5 Year Review Process.

All of these things are being accomplished on a tight budget that has been severely impacted by legal fees and the lack of a parcel assessment fee that was used until November 2000 to fund the Closure of Phase 1. The Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency, a joint powers agency that oversees closure, grants, and AB 939 programs, currently has no revenue other than interest from the Closure Trust Fund. As much as possible, this "revenue" should be dedicated to closure related activities. Not receiving the Block Grant would significantly affect our ability to provide service to the County's 55,000 residents, either due to lack of full service lube rack, agricultural oil, or curbside pick up programs, or to a future possible shortfall in closure/post closure funding.

I will be available to come down to present myself before the Waste Board, briefly explain our plight, and hopefully highlight the improvements that are occurring in Tehama County. If you have any questions, or would like further information, I can be reached at 530-528-1102, or by e-mail at tclp@tco.net. I look forward to having the opportunity to address the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alan Abbs

Solid Waste Director

CC: Carla Repucci, CIWMB (electronic)